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SUBJECT: PROGRAM SUBMISSION AND REVIEW SCHEDULE--FEB-AUG 1976

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QM USAID/NICARAGUA SUGGESTS FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR SUBMISSION OF  
ITS PROJECT DOCUMENTS DURING PERIOD FEBRUARY TO AUGUST 1976:

POPULATION PP (G) - EARLY MARCH

RURAL HEALTH INST. DEV. PP (G) - EARLY MARCH

RURAL EDUC. INST. DEV. PP (G) - IN AID/W

RURAL EDUC. SECTOR ASSES. - IN AID/W

HEALTH SECTOR ASSES - LATE FEBRUARY

NUTRITION SECTOR ASSES. - #

NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PP (G) - EARLY APRIL

RURAL HEALTH SECTOR PP (L) - MAY 17##

RURAL ELECTRIC COOPS PP (G) - MID-MAY

# PART OF NUTRITION SECTOR ASSESSMENT INCLUDED IN HEALTH SECTOR  
ASSESSMENT. REMAINING ANALYSIS WILL BE SUBMITTED LATE MARCH  
ASSUMING USAID CAN OBTAIN ADEQUATE TDY SUPPORT.

## KEY GON MINISTRY OF HEALTH PERSONNEL CURRENTLY HEAVILY INVOLVED  
IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SISTER REPUBLIC GUATEMALA IN AFTERMATH  
OF EARTHQUAKES THERE LAST WEEK. WE ESTIMATE THAT THIS WILL RESULT  
IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS DELAY IN COMPLETION OF PP.

2. WILL REQUIRE TDY ASSISTANCE TO MEET ABOVE SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

A) NUTRITION SECTOR ASSESSMENT AND NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PP--  
FOUR TO FIVE MAN-WEEKS TDY OR CONSULTANT TIME TO CARRY OUT FOL-  
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LOWING TASKS:

(1) REVIEW GON ORGANIZATIONAL ALIGNMENTS AND CAPACITY TO COORDINATE AND IMPLEMENT NATIONAL AND REGIONAL NUTRITION EFFORTS THROUGH VARIOUS AGENCIES IN SECTORS SUCH AS AGRICULTURE, HEALTH AND EDUCATION.

(2) IDENTIFY AND ANALYZE PROBLEM AREAS IN NATIONAL FOOD PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC SECTOR CHANNELS).

(3) REVIEW PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF LOW COST FORTIFIED FOOD PRODUCTS AND OUTLINE REQUIREMENTS AND METHODOLOGIES FOR ACCEPTANCE TESTING OF IMPROVED FOOD PRODUCTS.

(4) PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING REQUIRED TO RESOLVE PROBLEMS OR TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED IN ITEMS (1) THROUGH (3) ABOVE.

(5) ASSIST USAID IN PREPARATION OF SECTOR ASSESSMENT AND/OR PROJECT PAPER FOR NUTRITION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. SERVICES SHOULD BEGIN BEFORE END OF FEBRUARY, IF POSSIBLE. IN THE INTEREST OF SAVING TIME, REQUEST AID/W ISSUE PIO/P NO. 524-000.1-3-60026 UNDER APPN. 72-11X1023; ALLOTMENT 402-50-524-00-69-61; PROJECT 524-11-999-00.1--TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOOD AND NUTRITION; IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED DOLS. NINE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED (9,300) TO OBTAIN REQUIRED SERVICES THROUGH AN APPROPRIATE IQC TASK ORDER. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, USAID WOULD APPRECIATE TDY ASSISTANCE OF LAWRENCE HEILMAN, ROCAP, FOR FIRST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH TO ASSIST USAID IN COORDINATING WORK OF CONSULTANTS AND IN PREPARATION OF PP.

RURAL HEALTH SECTOR LOAN PP--TDY REQUIREMENTS BEING PROVIDED IN SEPTEL THIS DATE.

E) RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES PP-THREE MAN-WEEKS RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST STARTING IN MID-APRIL. SUGGEST BUREAU CHECK TO SEE IF THIS ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE AVAILABLE UNDER NRECA DPG.  
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